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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans & Development Staff


SUBJECT : Comments Concerning the Information/Material Handling
Systems Program

1. CSD is pleased that the overall problem of an integrated Information/Materials Handling Systems Program relating to the imagery exploitation processes has been conceptualized and forwarded for comment. Since, the IMHS is so all encompassing this Division obviously is not prepared to comment in detail in so short a period of time. However, this Division is prepared to comment in general.

2. We heartily endorse the program objectives as generally stated in the paper but feel that to limit the research and development exclusively to the problems of information handling, materials handling, and a data link system is too restrictive. We feel strongly that to ignore the functional and organizational relationships will result in a system only partially satisfactory to the Center's needs.

3. How the Center is organized functionally has a bearing on the equipment needed; conversely the kind of equipment procured can in part determine how functions are organized. There should, we believe, be more of a total systems approach than proposed.

4. We further feel that since the proposal affects this Division's requirements in several areas, a meeting between representatives of this Division and your Staff regarding our needs would be most useful. We would be thereby assured that problems critical to the CSD operation would be recognized and provided for. Aside from the above comments we would again like to say that the concept and program is excellent.


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